THE PLAINSMEN OF AMERICA

In the history of border life in North America, Buffalo Bill and Wild Bill follow Daniel Boone and Kit Carson in natural order, but border life was undergoing a great change in the later years of Carson's career. He had helped Fremont to open the way to California, and in opening the way he had helped to let in a tide that was destined to change the face and character of the Great West. Like Boone, whose career inpped over to the 19th centuty, Carson, whose ac-tivities extended into the 2nd 14 of that century, was a mighty hunter, a frontiersman. He was 1 of the last to dress in moccasins, leggings, buck-skin trousers, fur-trimmed leather coat, and coonskin cap. He was 1 of the last of the J. Fenimore Cooper type of Indian fighters. After him came the pony express rider, the freighter, the stage driver, the pros-pector, the miner, the small-town adventurer, the city builder. The plains-man developed from any 1 of these or from all of them put together. He seldom began, as had Boone or Car-son, alone and with rifle in hand trusting to his marksmanship and living on the country. If he did not ride the pony or drive the stage for Wells-Fargo, or if he did not handle a team for Russell, Majors & Waddell, or find employment as a scout at 1 of the frontier army posts, he worked his way into notice and into fame by entering the only kind of politics known west of the Missouri, in the 50's and early 60's, and got himself elected town marshal. The plains-men whose names stand out most conspicuously today are Buffalo Bill, otherwise William Frederick Cody; Wild Bill, otherwise James Butler Hickok; California Joe, otherwise Jo-seph Milmer and Texas Jack, otherwise J. B. Omohundro. In the days when the trans-Missouri West was in the making, the social amenities did not demand visiting cards, and there was an utter disregard of Christian and surnames. Brot Harte, with the deep insight into early Western man-ners and customs that is so characteristic of his early California sketches took delight in tracing the nicknames of the placer camp to aristocratic be-ginnings. Nobody on the plains ever thought of Buffalo Bill as William Frederick Cody, any more than they thought of Wild Bill as James Butlet Hickok. It is questionable if in the height of their fame these men thought of themselves by their right names. The free and easy style of intercourse, the general antipathy to convention, the positive dislike of formality prevailing over the plains and mountains in ploneer days and down to the final overthrow of the hostile Indians, had an influence even upon the cultured East. Many days found an outlet for their genius only thru the New York Weekly, or thru Beadle's or Munroe's Dime Novthru Beadle's or Munroce's Dime Noviels, and their names on the title parses of romances that today would the thru the medium of the stage. The organization under which the debut of the plainsmen was made, bore then with "Bill," "Tom," "Jim," "Dick," and so or, Thus, 1 of the most interesting and fertile of those writers was Edward Z. Judson, who preferred to be known to the world of leiters as Ned Buntline. Ned Buntline made in season of 1513-74:

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Sketches from Life : .: By Temple



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This week the pressure of the inirregular existence. Relatively few people of this class have been advanced in their wages. In a measure, these persons now are feeling the rub that the householder has experienced for several months. But it cannot be denied that to many of these peo-ple an increase of 50 per cent in the price of the food they must have, is

SMALL TOWNS HAVE BIG MEN

Edgar Watson Howe, the Kapsas ly come to the defense of the little-town man, and in no uncertain terms. "I never visit a country town," he lives afford a lesson or an inspira-tion." Surely, the small town has its big men, just as the large town has its small men. In neither case is it the town that calls for attention when considering the size of men.—Christ-ian Science Monitor.

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NEW HYDE TRIAL WILL BE OPENED APRIL 9

KANSAS CITY.—Judge E. E. Porterfield, in the criminal court, here, set April 9, as the date for a new trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, on the charge of having murdered Col. Thos. H. Swope. Aitho Judge Porterfield announced early in January that he would demiss the case because the state had asked so many continuances, here objected recently to such action.

And set the deminutive 9-year-old both glad of their experience in the garly struggles of the sister state, which has grown so in progress and prosperity.—Walter B. Montgomery.

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TOPEKA, Kan.-The proceedings of the present legislature often raises the question as to the members and employes of the 1st legislature under statehood, and if there are any of the pages or representatives of the history making body of law-makers living. The only living page of the 1st Kansas state legislature, which convened at Topeka, March 26, 1861, is Albert L. Bartlett, of St. Joseph, vicepresident of the Bartlett Land & Loan company, and director in the Bartlett Trust company, who is widely known in the several states thru which his firm operates. Mr. Bartlett's father, the late Dr. Josipah Bartlett, was a member of the house of the first state legislature in which his son acted as page. The late John J. Ingalls, who afterward became famous as an ora-tor, writer and senator from Kansas was secretary of the senate. The speaker of the house was W. W. Updegraff, who prophetically said that the little Albert would some day be very rich. His attention was called to the lad before the session opened by the boys parading around in a small boys soldier uniform. He noticed that the boy was unusually bright and urged his father to use his influence to electhe son as page. The boy won out over 3 other candidates. He served also as page for 4 successive sessions of the legislature, but this was his last political experience, as he went into business soon after moving to St. Joseph. Here he located with his mother, Mrs. Hannah Bartlett, in 1869, 7 years after the death of his father, which occurred on Washington's birthday, Feb. 23, 1862, in To-peka. His mother is still living in St. Joseph, where she makes her home with her daughter, Miss Eunice Bart-lett, 1828 Lovers Lane, Albert living at 2009 Lovers Lane. His brother, David, also lives in St. Joseph, and is a member of the Bartlett firm. Albert Bartlett married in 1882 to Miss Lucy Lancaster, who died 7 years ago. He married in November, years ago. He married in November, 1815, to Miss May Yonkers, who was private secretary for the Eartlett firm for several years. Mr. Bartlett's father came from Oswego, New York. His mother was of Irish parentage She is \$4 years old, but reclining in her rocking chair at her comfortable home in St. Joseph, she likes to tel of the early days of Kansas, and of the hardships and privations the pioneers endured. The Bartletts were at 1 time located at Industry, Ohio, now incorporated into the city of Cincinnati, where Albert was born, March 11, 1852. When the boy was 4 years old, the parents heard the call of Kansas, listened to it, and moved to the new territory, locating at Big Springs. Douglas county, near Law-rance, in 1856. Here Dr. Bartlett practiced medicine and ran a general store. The country was new and the

far off land of magical comfort to the children and settlers. At that time boarding houses became in de-mand as the legislatures were flocking to the capital city. The Bartletts decided to run a boarding house, and among their boarders was Mr. Updegraff. I day as he was sitting on the porch he noticed the boy, Albert, prancing around in his uniform, and began to talk to him. Impressed with the childs precocity he suggested to the childs precoult he suggested to his father that being page in the leg-islature would be a wonderful experi-ence for the lad. The boy was de-lighted at the prospect of mingling with the men who would play so important a part in the history of the new state. However, the same ambition was shared by 3 others, Charles K. Prentiss, young Garvey and young Davis. Mr. Cutler, 1 of the repre-sentatives, nominated Bartlett, and Dr. Bartlett, Mr. Updegraff and others used their influence so that the boy received 54 votes against the 50 votes of Prentiss and the 20 of Garvey and the 15 votes of Davis. The opening days of the legislature which confronted so many complex prob-lems, arising from a new states en-trance into a Union which was threatened to be dissevered, made a deep impression upon the little page. His duties, altho he was the only page, were not too ardous, as there were were not too ardous, as there were not many representatives to need his services in the new state. So he had time to absorb much of the discussions of new statehood and national war is-sues. However, there were some lulls

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OTTAWA. — The hydro-electrical commission of Ontario has decided to